Progress of Bansagar project

1318. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3370 given in the Rajya Sabha on 5th December, 1986 and state :

(a) whether the work on Bansagar project is progressing as per schedule or there have been any delays and shortfalls; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the time by when the work on this project is expected to be completed; and

(c) the rehabilitation schemes prepared for the displaced persons due to this project and the progress of the implementation of these rehabilitation schemes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) The work on the Bansagar Dam is progressing as per the revised schedule and is expected to be completed by March, 1992. However, there has been some short-fall in land acquisition and rehabilitation.

(c) The rehabilitation measures include payment of compensation for properties coming under submergence, allocation of agricultural land for cultivation where available and setting up of model villages with amenities like school, drinking water supply and community hall. Of the 40 model villages proposed, Master Plans for 29 model villages have been prepared and work on 9 model villages has commenced.

Construction of military bases by Pakistan

1319. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a press news which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 13th October, 1987 under the caption "Massive military construction in Pak";

(b) if so, whether Pakistan is constructing military bases for use against India; and

(c) what precautionary steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The military facilities being developed by Pakistan could pose a threat to India and are, therefore, a matter of concern to us. Government are maintaining a constant vigil on this as well as on other developments having a bearing on the country's security.

Plot to assassinate Prime Minister at Vancouver

1320. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :
SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a plot to assassinate the Prime Minister was uncovered during his recent visit to Vancouver (Canada) following the recovery of remote controlled detonators from some Sikh militants;

(b) if so, what is Government's information in this regard; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Government have received on such specific information from the Canadian authorities.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Racial attacks on Indians living in U.S.A.

1321. SHRI ANAND SHARMA :
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) Whether Government are aware of the recent racial attacks on Indians living in New Jersey and other cities of USA;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to seek protection for the people of Indian origin in the USA ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A group of racially motivated white youths calling themselves "Dothbusters" have in recent weeks made attacks on the Indian community in New Jersey through physical assault, damage to movable and immovable property, use of abusive language and slurs and harassment of Indian women.

(c) Our Embassy in washington and our Consulate General in New York have drawn the attention of the US Government to these attacks and requested that urgent steps be taken to prevent such attacks and harassment. The US Department of State has contacted local authorities in New Jersey and the following steps have been taken :

Increased police patrolling; meeting of the Human Rights Commission (New Jersey) to discuss the problem; issue of a statement by the Mayor condemning violence and urging social cohesion. Discussions also continue between the Federal Department of Justice and the local authorities in New Jersey.

Setting up of a Research Centre for super computer in Pune

1322. DR. H. P. SHARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what progress has been made in the setting up of a Research Centre in Electronics in Pune for producing super-computers; and

(b) what is the estimated cost and time required for producing super computers of the range and speed of computers like the US Crov XMP ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K.R. NARAYANAN) : (a) Government has appointed Director of the Research Centre called, Centre for Development of Advanced Computing Technology (C-DACT) and setting up of the centre is in a very preliminary stage.

(b) The present plans of the Government are to develop parallel processing based highly powerful computers in the country. This computer will provide computing capabilities equivalent to that of lower range of super computers presently available.

Demonstration by National Federation of Defence Workers

1323. SHRI ANAND SHARMA : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the National Federation of Defence Workers had staged a one-day dharna, demonstration and hunger strike on 30th October, 1987, between 11.00 AM to 5 PM in front of the residence of the Minister of Defence;

(b) if so, what are the demands of the Federation; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to meet their demands, if no steps have been taken so far, by when their demands are likely to be met ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The National Federation of Defence Workers staged a demonstration outside the residence of Raksha Mantri on 30-10-1987 from 1.00 PM to 2.30 PM.

(b) A list of its demands is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(b) The demands have been forwarded to the concerned Defence Organisations/ Service HQrs for consideration.

Statement

List of Demands Submitted by National Federation of Defence Workers

1. (i) Recognition of National Federation of Defence Workers (NFDW).